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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 10, 1877.

To Let.

A N O F F I C E T O L E T.
Apply to LANDSTEIN & CO.,
Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

To Let.

NOS. 4, and 5, PECHILI TERRACE, ELGIN STREET.
Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

To Let.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.
House Nos. 2 and 3, Pedder's Hill.
"Blane Villa," Pok-foo-jum, Furnished.
DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.,
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

To Let.

THE Dwelling House and Offices No. 1, Agular Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs. D. SASOON & CO., Three Offices, in Club Chambers.
The Dwelling House No. 1, Alexandra Terrace.
Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
Hongkong, January 8, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & CO., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
G. R. STEVENS.
Hongkong, December 29, 1877.

NOTICE.
I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.
J. V. VERNON SHAW.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS and BOILERMAKERS, BY WILLIAM DU. H. Y. & CO., Late Manager of the Novelty Iron Works, Hongkong.
W. DUNPHY.
Hongkong, December 10, 1877.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
M. R. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.

NOTICE.
THE Business hitherto conducted in my name will from this Date be Carried on under the Style of GROSSMANN & CO., Mr. G. A. GROSSMANN having become a Partner thereto.

C. F. GROSSMANN.
Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

NOTICE.
M. R. BERNHARD SCHMACKER is authorized to sign our Firm by pro-curation.

CARLOWITZ & CO.
Canton, Hongkong, Shanghai,
January 1, 1878.

NOTICE.
M. R. H. F. MEYERINK has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from this Date.

MEYER & CO.
Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. JOSEPH PERROT BATES in our Firm in China ceases from this Date.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.
Hongkong, December 31, 1877.

NOTICE.
M. R. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

Entertainments.

IN AID OF THE FAMINE IN NORTH CHINA.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE FIRST CONCERT of the Season will take place

THIS EVENING, the 10th instant,

and the Proceeds will be devoted to the Relief of the Sufferers by FAMINE in the NORTH of CHINA.

P R O G R A M M E:

PART I.

Overture, Pianoforte, arranged for hands, "Don Giovanni," Mozart.
Part Song, "The Red, Red, Rose,"... Hatton.

Duet, for two Tenors, "Lorbeer and Rose,"... A. E. Grell.

Solo, Pianoforte, "Fantaisie Impromptu," in C Sharp Minor, (Op. 63),... Chopin.

Solo and Chorus, "Inflammatus, from Stabat Mater,"... Rossini.

PART II.

Part Song, "Rise, Sleep no more,"... Benedict.

Solo, Pianoforte, "Audaces and Rondo Capriccioso," in E (Op. 14),... Mendelssohn.

By a Gentleman Amateur.

Solo and Chorus, "Blow Gentle Gales,"... Bishop.

Chorus, "March of the Men of Harlech,"...

To Commence at 9 o'clock.

A Part of the Hall can be seen at Messrs.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., where Tickets (Price \$2 each) can be taken and Seats reserved.

Hongkong, January 10, 1878.

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB will give a Performance at the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, January 12th, 1878.

When will be presented a Comedy ENTITLED

"NINE POINTS OF THE LAW," to be followed by a farce by CH. SMILEY, Esq., ENTITLED

"Boots at the Swan."

Tickets may be had at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., on and after Wednesday, January 2nd.

Doors Open at 8.30, Performance to Commence at 9 o'clock.

CHAS. O. COHEN,
Hon. Secretary.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

Intimations.

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDIC-
CINES AND PERFUMES.Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,
and Prompt Attention.PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.
September 15, 1877.AFONG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment, to
H. M. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;
and toH. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
OF RUSSIA,
Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB,HAS on hand the Largest and Best
Collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of
assorted sizes. Ex S. S. *Tigris*, Revolving
Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and
Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather
Velvet and carved-wood albums, Cases and
Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits
only, Portraits of the Generals of the pre-
sent Russo-Turkish War, Embroidered British
Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors, in
Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes
Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese).
W. AHERN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now
ready at this Office.—Price, 9d each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.
India, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby in-
formed that their Goods are being landed
and stored at their risk at the Company's
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees, before To-Morrow, the 10th Inst.,
at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.Goods remaining undelivered after WED-
NESDAY, the 16th January, 1878, at Noon,
will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU FOUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 9, 1878. ja18

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Norwegian
Bark VEGA, NORDVEST, Master,
from HAMBURG, are requested to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside the Vessel.Cargo impeding the discharge will be
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents,

Hongkong, January 8, 1878.

BRITISH BARK FALCON, FROM
LONDON.CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods.Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 24, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.
The Steamship
"HALOONG,"Captain J. C. Amore, will
be despatched for the above
Ports on MONDAY, the 16th instant, at
Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Hongkong, January 10, 1878. ja14FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
The Steamship
"NELSON,"Captain STAPLES, will be de-
spatched above on SATUR-
DAY, the 13th instant, at 2 o'clock p.m.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Hongkong, January 10, 1878. ja15FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.
The Steamship
"GALLEY OF LORNE"Expected from SINGAPORE, will
have immediate despatch as
above.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Hongkong, January 10, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The German Steamer
"GALATA,"
BÖHME, Master, will be de-
spatched above on SATUR-
DAY, the 12th instant, at 5 p.m.For Freight or Passage, apply to
Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 10, 1878. ja12

GERMAN STEAMER "GALATEA,"
BÖHME, Master, from HAMBURG,
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed, that
their Goods are being landed and stored at
their risk in the Godowns of the Under-
signed, from whence delivery may be ob-
tained.Consignees whishing to take delivery of
their Goods from the Boats alongside the
Wharf are at liberty to do so.Goods remaining in store after the 17th
Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
written notice to the contrary is given
until To-morrow, the 11th Inst., at 11 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 10, 1878. ja17

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessel, during its stay
in Hongkong Harbour:FORMOSA, German 8-m schooner, Capt.
Schweer—Melschers & Co.ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt.
Chas. H. Nelson—Captain.BIRKER, British ship, Captain W. Roy-
nolds.—Order.GREENBAUM, British barque, Capt. Lang-
Chinese.VETA, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks—
Meichers & Co.R. C. BARKERS, German ship, Captain
R. C. Stoltz—Wm. Pustau & Co.PHARON, British barque, Captain H. D.
W. Schul—Wielker & Co.EMMA, German barque, Captain H. J.
Gran—Wm. Pustau & Co.ADELINA & MARIANNE, German barque,
Captain C. N. Dahl—Wm. Pustau & Co.WANAKOR, British barque, Capt. William
Baumann—Wielker & Co.

HONGKONG, Thursday, JAN. 10, 1878.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet TIGRE will
be despatched from Hongkong on
THURSDAY, the 24th Inst., with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Mar-
seilles to Saigon, Singapore, Batu-
avia, Calle, Australia, New Zealand,
Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles,
Réunion, Mauritius, Sues, and
Alexandria. This is the best
opportunity for forwarding Cor-
respondence to E. Africa, the Cape,
St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA

by this Packet but can be paid only
as far as Ceylon. The postage to
Ceylon must be prepaid. Such let-
ters should be marked *Faid to Galle*
only; they will go on from Galle as
unpaid.The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:

Wednesday, 23rd Inst.—

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the NIETZ BOX,
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 24th Inst.—

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only)
except those to and through Australia,
may be posted on payment of a
Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,
until11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES
entirely.

Hongkong, January 10, 1878. ja24

CLEARED.

Bianca Perito, for Touron.

Carmelita & Ida, for Batavia.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.Per Galatea, from Hamburg, Capt.
P. Oesau, H. Schieler, T. Fuh, and M.
Woods.

Per Emma, from Amoy, 165 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Irauaddy, for Salagon, Mr and Mrs

Mitchell, child, 1 amah and servant, Count
de Kergardes, Wm. Douglas, 5 Sisters, and
3 Chinese; for Singapore, Messrs Bertho
Van Pot, Blain, Pedro Lantino, O.
Beard and Simm, and 11 Seamen.—From
Yokohama: for Marseilles, Messrs F.
Scheidt, A. Greven, Ohshima, Dagon,
White, and F. Vannes.

Per Norma, for Swatow, 800 Chinese.

Per Date, for Holloway, 30 Chinese.

Per Bua Pan, for Bangkok, 18 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Carmelita & Ida, for Batavia, 20
Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer Galatea reports:

Left Hamburg Nov. 18th. Had heavy

gales in the Bay of Biscay from S.W. to

N.W. Arrived Port Said Dec. 5th. Left

Suez Dec. 8th, light head winds through

the Red Sea, and fresh Easterly winds in

the Indian Ocean, rising to a gale after

having passed Minicay Island. Arrived

Penang on 29th Dec., and left on the 30th.

Arrived at Singapore on the 1st January,

and left on the 3rd. Fine weather in the

China Sea, wind from N.E. to North, strong

breeze with rain and fog from Lat. 18 to

Hongkong.

HONGKONG, Thursday, JAN. 10, 1878.

MAILS will close:

For BONOLULU AND CALLAO.

Per Perito, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday,

the 11th Inst. Postage to either

Port 12 cents per 1/2 oz. No Regis-
tration.

For YOKOHAMA.

Per Tainui, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday,

the 11th Inst.

For SHANGHAI.

Per S. S. *Galatea*, at 5 p.m., on Friday,

the 11th Inst. Late letters received from 5.10

to 5.30 with 18 cents late fee.

For MANILA.

Per Mission, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday,

the 12th Inst.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:

For SHANGHAI.

The German Steamer
"GALATEA,"BÖHME, Master, will be de-
spatched above on SATUR-

DAY, the 12th instant, at 5 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, January 10, 1878. ja13

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Per Nelson, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday,

the 12th Inst.

For SAIGON.

Per Tintern Abbey, at 5 p.m., on Saturday,

the 12th Inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

Per Douglas, at 5 p.m., on Saturday,

the 12th Inst.

For AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.

Per Hailong, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday,

the 14th Inst.

For HONGKONG.

Per Galatea, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday,

the 14th Inst.

the defendant was fined £25 or in default two months' hard labour, he went to gaol.

DRUNK.

George Greaves, a seaman unemployed, was charged with being drunk and assaulting a chair-coolie. It appears the defendant engaged a chair at Queen's Road Central, and when near Gap Street, he jumped out of the chair, and the chair-coolie told him that if he did not want the chair, he had better pay him and let him go. The defendant thereupon struck the chair-coolie, making his nose bleed, and was given into custody. Inspector Mackie said that the defendant was certainly under the influence of liquor, but he knew well what he was about. On the evening of the 8th the defendant had behaved in a very insolent manner to the Inspector. Fined £5 and to pay 25 cents amends or go to gaol for 24 days.

LAWCOURT.

Cheung A-shui, a grass cutter, was sent to 21 days' hard labour for stealing a bed quilt from a fisherman at Stanley.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honor Mr Justice SOWDEN, with a Special Jury.)
Jan. 10, 1878.

A SPECIAL SESSION.

THE "YESSO" EXPLOSION CASE.

Theodore Bernard, Chief Engineer, and Thomas King, the 3rd Engineer, of the British steamer Yesso were arraigned on two counts of manslaughter in causing the death of one Tsang Asam and one Mahomed Esop, on the 22nd November last by the explosion of the starboard boiler of the steamer.

The Attorney General, the Hon. G. Phillipps, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, Mr Sharp, appeared for the prosecution.

Mr Haylar, Q. C., instructed by Mr Everstou, appeared for the first prisoner, and

Mr Francis, instructed by Mr Dennis, appeared for the second prisoner.

The following special Jury was empannelled: Messrs H. B. Gibb, Thos. Pim, W. Wilson, A. G. McG. Heaton, J. H. Remond, W. R. Landsteiner, and D. Ruttrupje.

On his name being called, Mr Gibb observed that he had been appointed a member of the Legislative Council in place of Mr Kewiok who would be going away. He had, however, only the letter from the Government, but he thought he might be excused to serve, but that if his Lordship thought he should, he would take his seat, and he merely took the objection on principle.

His Lordship referred to the Ordinance and ruled that Mr Gibb was liable to serve. The Court did not possess more than the letter of the Government as to Mr Gibb's appointment and he ought to have taken the objection when the notice was served on him.

Mr Gibb then took his seat.

Mr Haylar said that, as the trial was likely to be a long one, he would ask that the prisoners might have the usual indulgence of a seat.

His Lordship: Certainly.

The prisoners were then provided with seats.

The Attorney General said the prisoners at the bar were, as they, the Jury, were no doubt aware, the Chief and 3rd Engineers of the steamer Yesso. They were charged with the manslaughter of two persons who had been selected from among the victims by the disaster on board that vessel, namely, one who had died on board the Yesso from the injuries he had received, and the other who had died in the hospital. As they were aware, the Yesso had just arrived at the wharf from one of her usual trips when a sound was heard, followed by a great rush of steam, and it was subsequently discovered that one of the boilers had burst. A large number of persons were killed and wounded by the accident. He had no wish to harrow their feelings by giving a description of the accident. That was not the object of that enquiry; the sole object of that investigation being to find out whether the prisoners at the bar were to blame for the accident in such a measure as to justify their finding them guilty of manslaughter. There was a model of the boiler in Court, and they saw that it was cylindrical in shape, with flat ends, which required more support than round ones. They were supported by gusset stays inserted in the boiler, and, upon examination, after the accident, it was found that these stays were in bad order, some of them having been entirely eaten away. It was also found that the safety valve was weighted far more heavily than it should have been considering the age and state of the boilers. The question was whether anybody was criminally responsible for this state of things, and, if so, whom. Now the prisoners were indicted for manslaughter—with felonious killing and slaying the parties whose names were in the information. Manslaughter was defined to be the unlawful and felonious killing of another without any malice expressed or implied. The duties of engineers were, as they all knew, to take charge of the engines, boilers and machinery. It was their duty to see that these engines, boilers and so forth were kept in proper order. A person who takes a responsible position—say having to do with steam, which although a very good servant when kept in its place, was a very dangerous master, when it had once escaped all control—a person undertaking duties of this kind, like any other person undertaking to perform responsible duties, is supposed to bring to the performance of his duties a reasonable amount of skill; just in the same way as a man who holds himself up to be a Doctor and a member of the College of Surgeons, or a physician, or anything of that sort, is supposed to have a reasonable knowledge of his profession; and if through gross ignorance he causes the death of any person, he is liable to be tried and convicted of manslaughter, because he had undertaken to bring a reasonable amount of skill to bear upon the performance of his duties. So also it is the duty of a person accepting the position of an engineer to give a reasonable amount of attention to his duties in addition to that reasonable amount of skill; and reasonable attention to their duties could not, in the condition in which these boilers and safety valve were, have been given by the engineers collectively on board the Yesso. The 2nd Engineers had, as they were doubtless aware, died from the injuries received on the occasion; and he could not therefore be brought before them. The Chief and 3rd Engineers, however, were brought before them as the responsible parties in the matter, and it was for them to say, upon the evidence which would be adduced before them, whether they evi-

denced either or both of them had so culpably neglected their duty as to make them answerable for this accident. Now, it was not necessary for the prosecution to prove that either of the prisoners was aware of the consequences that were likely to ensue.

If they were aware of the consequences that were likely to ensue, and knowing them, neglected to have the boiler put in proper order or the weight on the safety valve lowered to a point at which it was safe to carry steam; if they had known that the probability was there would be an explosion, and still persisted in permitting the boilers and safety valve to remain as they were, it would have been his duty to have charged them, not with manslaughter, but the more serious crime of murder. But in this case they did not go to that extent; all they charged them with was this culpable neglect of duty which opened against them the charge of manslaughter. He was sure that nobody probably in the whole community was more distressed at the results of this accident than the two prisoners. Anybody with right feelings could not help feeling distressed over an accident of this nature, and he had no reason to believe that this was not so with the two prisoners before them. But that was not the question. The question was whether the omission or neglect of their duty under these circumstances amounted to manslaughter. Lord Campbell said in one case: "I am firmly of opinion that a man may, by neglect of duty, render himself liable to be convicted of manslaughter, or even of murder," and this opinion was supported by Lord Denman. They would of course take the law upon the subject from His Lordship. The evidence would be produced before them to satisfy them as to the facts of the case. The Captain of the steamer would be called, and other evidence would be adduced, to detail to them as precisely as possible what actually took place on the occasion, and they would have professional witnesses, and men of some skill and experience in regard to boilers and machinery and boilers generally, who would detail to them what they had ascertained from details of the examinations they had made. 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STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship
GEELONG, Captain FEASER, will leave
this on THURSDAY, the 17th January,
at Noon.

For further particulars, apply to
A. LINN, Superintendent,
Hongkong, January 7, 1878. ja17

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATUR-
DAY, the 19th January, at Noon, taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT on regular rates is granted to
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,
AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMIS-
SION.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., 18th January. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 9, Fraya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, December 31, 1877. ja19

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be de-
spatched for San Francisco via Yoko-
hama, on FRIDAY, the 1st February,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 31st January. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
on Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 9, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, January 4, 1878. ja1

INTIMATIONS.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,
COAL MERCHANTS,
Have always on hand for Sale every
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.
Mr. ARYON has been appointed Manager,
and all Orders addressed to him at 17,
Pray, or to Mr. F. J. JACK, at 30, Hing-
Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-
tion.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877. m19

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at
the Rate of FIVE TABLES per
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of
the record on the 1st October, Payable at the
Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under-
signed to Shareholders or their lawful
representatives on presentation of Share
Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th
Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators,
Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

Intimations.

IN THE GOODS OF
GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS,
Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Cred-
itors and other Persons, having any
CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against
the Estate of GEORGE UNDERHILL
SANDS, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Pat-
ent Slip Proprietor and Ship-builder, who
died at Victoria aforesaid on the 30th
day of October, 1877, and whose Will was
duly proved, Probate whereof was granted
to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, of Victoria
aforesaid, Esquire, the Executor therein
named by the Supreme Court of Hong-
kong, in its Probate Jurisdiction on the
8th day of November, 1877, are hereby re-
quired to send, in writing, the particulars
of their Claims or Demands to the said
WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES at his address
aforesaid, or to the Undersigned WILLIAM
HENRY BREERETON, the Solicitor of the
said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, at the
office of the said WM. HENRY BREERETON,
23, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before
the 1st day of May, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the ex-
piration of the last mentioned day, the said
WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES will proceed to
distribute the assets of the said GEORGE
UNDERHILL SANDS amongst the parties
entitled thereto, having regard to the
Claims of which the said WILLIAM HOWELL
FORBES shall then have had notice; and
that the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES
will not be liable for the assets, or any part
thereof, so distributed, to any person of
whose Claim the said WILLIAM HOWELL
FORBES shall not have had notice at the
time of the distribution.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1878.
WM. H. BREERETON,
Solicitor for the said
WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES.

IN THE GOODS OF
JAMES SMITH FERRIES,
Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Cred-
itors and other Persons, having any
CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against
the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES,
late Master of the S. S. "ZEALANDIA",
who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel,
on the 8th day of February 1877, and
whose Will was duly proved, and Letters
of Administration, with the Will annexed,
of whose personal Estate were duly granted
to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27 Queen's Road,
in the Colony of Hongkong, by the
Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate
Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of Sep-
tember 1877, are hereby required to send
in writing the particulars of their Claims
or Demands to the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN
at his address aforesaid, or to the Under-
signed WILLIAM HENRY BREERETON, the
Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN,
at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY
BREERETON, 23 Queen's Road, Hongkong,
on or before the 15th day of January, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the ex-
piration of the last-mentioned day, the said
JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to dis-
tribute the assets of the said JAMES
SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties
entitled thereto, having regard to the
Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN
has then had notice; and that the said
JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the
assets or any part thereof, so distributed,
to any person of whose Claim the said
JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the
time of the distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877.
WM. H. BREERETON,
Solicitor for the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN.

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INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

A GENOLES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan and at Singapore,
Saigon and Panang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS POUNDING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein,
or on Coals in Matches, or Goods on board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

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INSURANCES.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up..... £120,000
PERMANENT RESERVE..... 230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND..... 75,000
Total Capital and accumula-
tions this date..... £1,725,000

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Subject to a charge of 12% for interest
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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commanding at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h*, and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *a*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections:

- From Green Island to the Gas Works.
- From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
- From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
- From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
- From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
- From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
- From Naval Yard to the Pier.
- From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Length ft.	Captain	Flag and Rig.	Tons	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Amoy	500	Drewes	Brit. str.	876	Jan.	8	Siamese & Co.	Shanghai
Bombay	500	Briscoe	Brit. str.	1079	Oct.	2	F. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama
Camco	200	Wharton	Brit. str.	95	Oct.	2	Kwok Acheong	Repairs
Caribrooks	200	Wharton	Brit. str.	986	Dec.	19	Man Hing Chan	19th, noon
City of Peking	300	Tanner	Amer. str.	5079	Dec.	5	P. M. S. Co.	Yhama & S. Fisco
Conquest	500	Hamlin	Brit. str.	317	Jan.	9	Kwong Lee Yuen	13th, daylight
Douglas	600	Pitman	Brit. str.	117	Dec.	20	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Tug Flying
Famo	600	Stoppani	Brit. str.	1243	Dec.	23	H. K. & W. P. Co. Dock Co.	K'loon Dock
Flintshire	600	Thomas	Brit. str.	991	Jan.	3	David Sission, Sons & Co.	Sands' Slip
Hindostan	600	Gardiner	Brit. str.	1247	Dec.	23	Kwok Acheong	Honolulu & Calico
Keelchow	200	Briggs	Span. str.	371	Jan.	15	J. V. Shaw	12th inst.
Marivales	500	Munoz	Span. str.	355	Oct.	18	Remedios & Co.	Shanghai
Nelson	500	Staples	Brit. str.	894	Dec.	24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama
Pamay	500	Goyenechea	Span. str.	500	Dec.	30	Remedios & Co.	18th, daylight
Perusia								